

EJVES Extra

Some years ago, the European Journal of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery established EJVES Extra as an on-line electronic forum for publishing case reports. This was because, in line with many other Journals, case reports rarely contributed positively towards increasing the body of evidence or the Journal's Impact Factor and they were rarely cited.

However, despite a considerable amount of effort, EJVES Extra has not proved popular with authors or our readers and is rarely accessed. One reason for its unpopularity is that manuscripts are currently not cited on PubMed and are unlikely to be so in the future.

In order to be considered for MEDLINE indexing, a journal must demonstrate significant content in core biomedical topics by publishing content deemed indexable, such as research articles, reviews, and in-depth case reports. EJVES Extra does not publish original research or reviews, nor does it publish a large enough proportion of content deemed indexable by MEDLINE and therefore EJVES Extra is unlikely to be accepted for indexation by MEDLINE, nor appear on PubMed.

As a consequence, the Editors (after consultation with Elsevier) have decided to discontinue EJVES Extra as from 31st December 2013. In the future, the European Journal of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery will only consider publishing case reports, technical reports, or a new surgical technique on an exceptional basis. Papers already published in EJVES Extra will, however, remain available for viewing via the website.

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